GUIDEBOOK ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE YUKON

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PART I - SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE YUKON

1. PREPARING TO DO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE YUKON

This guidebook provides updated information for scientists and researchers planning to conduct studies in the Yukon. Furthermore, it outlines the permits and licences or consent that must be obtained from Canada, Yukon and First Nation governments in order to carry out such work.

Part III of the guide explains the provisions of Yukon and transboundary land claims agreements which apply to research on settlement lands. For example, First Nation permitting systems and First Nation laws are to be developed under the eleven Yukon First Nation Final Agreements and Self Government Agreements which are in effect. Three other Yukon First Nation Final Agreements are currently being negotiated. Other land claim provisions apply to research activities on the Yukon North Slope, under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, and in the Peel River Basin, under the (Tetlit) Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

Guidelines and requirements for research in other parts of the north are also referenced in this guidebook. The Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS) has developed a revised (2003) publication entitled, *Ethical Principles for the Conduct of Research in the North.* This publication can be downloaded online at: http://www.acuns.ca/. (For further information, contact ACUNS at 17 York Street, Suite 405, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1N 9J6. Tel: (613) 562-0515 or Fax: (613) 562-0533, e-mail: office@acuns.ca)

2. APPLYING FOR PERMITS AND LICENCES

Applications for permits and licences should be forwarded a minimum of **three months in advance** to the starting date of field work. Long-term use of study areas which require land allocation through a Land Reserve must be submitted one year before the proposed starting date for site preparation. Furthermore, camps that will be occupied for 100 person days or more will require a Land Use Permit (see Part II, Section 3) that may require a review by the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board (YESAB). Applications for Land Use Permits should be submitted at **least three months** in advance to the starting date of fieldwork.

Applications are reviewed to ensure the researcher has the support of a university or other agency which will enable the research to be completed. Applications are also reviewed to ensure the work will not cause undue social or environmental harm. Researchers are encouraged to undertake community consultation prior to making an application, however the formal requirements for community consultation will depend on the nature and location of the project. **Any researcher who wants to work in an area on Yukon First Nation Settlement Land must first obtain the permission of that First Nation. (See Part III).**

In order to expedite the application process, it it important that applications are complete, and include the following information:

2.1 Project Description

- an appropriate title for the project for bibliographic purposes;
- non-technical executive summary of the project;
- statement of purpose and research objectives for the project describing what activities are planned and what will be accomplished;
- specific detail as to location(s) of area(s) of study (include National Topographic Series map references in 1:50,000 or 1:100,000 scale as appropriate);
- proposed research plan and methodology identifying if the use of the land will be short or long-term;
- schedule and dates of field work;
- scientific significance of proposed project;
- relation of proposed project to previous work or work in progress;
- suggested disposition of artifacts, materials, samples that may be collected; and
- expected completion date of final report on proposed project.

2.2 Research Team

Curriculum vitae, name, address, nationality and affiliation of the research team that will be working in the Yukon;
previous Yukon permits received;
name and address of funding agency or agencies; and
if it is not apparent, assurance that financial resources are adequate to meet the needs of the project. Including a detailed budget is preferable.

2.3 Travel Plans

- itinerary within the Yukon and details of arrangements for accommodation, transportation and supplies in sufficient detail to identify impact on Yukon communities.

2.4 Project Impact

- assessment of the impact of the project on the communities, residents, trappers or outfitters located in the area(s) where research will occur.

2.5 Community/First Nation Consultation

- details of consultations made in communities and First Nation Governments, and any applicable protocol aggreements or approvals made with First Nations and individuals who will be involved with or affected by the project.

Applications will be reviewed by relevant government departments and agencies and referred to any affected Yukon First Nation(s) for comment.

3. CONSULTING WITH AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

If your project will involve Yukon residents as subjects or informants, written confirmation is required that the project has been discussed with the affected communities, First Nations, groups

(eg. trappers and outfitters) and residents, and that any required approvals/consent has been received. The use of Traditional Knowledge and Oral Histories are managed by First Nations Governments and/or the person who has intellectual property rights to orally transmitted information, thus the researcher is strongly advised to inform induviduals and communities of the intent of the research and agree to the terms under which commmunity based research will be used. Many First Nations Governments are in the process of developing Traditional Knowledge Protocols that dictate the terms underwhich orally transmitted information can be collected and diseminated. Appendix I provides a list of Community and First Nations contacts. Informed consent from individual participants is also necessary as per standard procedures.

It is recommended that two or three months be permitted for this consultation process to provide time for discussion and community meetings. You should take into account that at certain times of the year there may be unexpected delays if most of the community's residents are out on the land.

Despite the research not directly involving Yukon residents, there still may be a significant impact on communities. This is especially true if a community is being used as a supply centre or local residents will be hired to assist with the project. Further, the project may be located in an area or researchers may pass through an area of cultural or economic importance to a community. It is important to remember that both aboriginal and non-aboriginal people in the Yukon have distinct cultural values and want respect for their unique way of life. Information about these types of local concerns can be obtained through contact with the community.

For projects likely to have a large impact on a community, the local elected council should be informed about the project as a courtesy and to avoid later misunderstandings. This contact should be noted in the licence application. Generally, it is advisable to use simple, non-technical language when communicating about your project.

4. APPROVAL PROCESS FOR HEALTH RESEARCH LICENCES

Cultural Services Branch forwards all health related requests for research licences to the Department of Health and Social Services as well as to other relevant parties for review.

The Department of Health and Social Services wishes to review licence applications for the following types of research:

- Research involving human subjects (i.e. interviews, surveys focus groups and administartive health or socail services data) with an apparent human health, health services or social services theme;
- Research involving human body fluids or tissue;
- Research involving traditional knowledge relating to nutrition, healing and/or adaptation to changing or adveerse conditions, including adaptation to climate change.

Research projects that *only* makes use of published literature and/or publicly available government or agency reports grey literature are exempt from this process.

At Health and Social Services, the Health Research Review Committee requires researchers to provide the following documentation, in addition to the documents required by the Heritage Resources Unit:

1. In cases of research on specific communities, organizations or identifiable sub-populations, letters of approval of the research project from representatives of the communities or organizations within which the research will be conducted;
2. A statement of how the research will benefit the communities, organizations, sub-populations or Yukoners as a whole;
3. A statement of any potential harms or inconveniences that the research may cause to the communities, organizations, sub-populations or Yukoners as a whole;
4. A statement of what deliverables will be made to the communities, organizations, sub-populations or Yukoners as a whole, once the research has been completed, including provision of data in a format wanted by the community, for the community;
5. Identification of who will act as data stewards;
6. For research in which data from First Nation and non-First Nation population groups will be presented separately in any research reports, a letter of approval of this reporting method from the Council of Yukon First Nations;
7. Where applicable, a completed ethical review application (if not yet approved) or certificate of ethical approval from the research institution from which the researcher is based;
8. Where applicable, a completed ethical review application (if not yet approved) or certificate of ethical approval from the organization or institution in the Yukon within which the research will be conducted, or from which the research data will be obtained;
9. For research involving the collection of data directly from individuals or the use of personal records, an explanation of the process that will be used to obtain consent from those individuals, and where applicable, a copy of the consent form or statement that will be used when obtaining consent.

5. REPORTING RESEARCH RESULTS

It is requested that two reports be submitted. The submission of an interim report, reflecting the status of the project and work completed, is appreciated. It is mandatory that a final report be submitted upon completion of the project. This final report should detail findings and highlight the significance of the research. The final report is due within one calendar year of the completion or termination of the project. It is requested, where praticable, that researchers submit digital copies (.PDF and/or .DOC) of reports along with the bound copies.

Permits are valid for the period specified. Any permit issued will not be valid beyond December 31st of the year in which it were issued. If projects are not completed within the licensing year, applications for extension should be submitted in the same manner as the original. Multi-year permits are not awarded.

6. APPLYING FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY

Scientists residing outside Canada should be aware that there may be additional requirements, especially for expeditions or projects originating from another country. These apply primarily to

the use of foreign flag vessels or aircraft. Depending on the country of origin a passport may be required and there may be restrictions on the goods and equipment that can be brought into Canada (e.g. firearms and fresh food). Contact your nearest Canadian Embassy or Consulate office for further information.

7. RESEARCH RESOURCES

7.1 Local People And Traditional Knowledge

The Yukon government strongly encourages the employment of local residents in the scientific research being carried out in the territory. In addition, efforts should also be made to incorporate the traditional knowledge of Yukon First Nation people as appropriate in the research project.

7.2 Local Scientific Contacts

Researchers wanting to contact local social and natural scientists can do so through the Northern Research Institute, the Yukon Science Institute or the Yukon Historical and Museums Association. On occasion, the opportunity may arise for a researcher to participate in a public lecture series or conference; this is an excellent means by which to increase public awareness of scientific and heritage research initiatives in the Yukon. **For more information, contact**:

The Yukon Science Institute
P.O. Box 31137
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 5P7
Tel: (867) 667-2979 Fax: (867) 668-7127
Email: ysi@taiga.net
Internet: www.taiga.net/ysi

Yukon Historical and Museums Association
3126 3rd Avenue
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1E7
Tel: (867) 667-4704 Fax: (867) 667- 4506
Email: yhma@northwestel.net
Internet: http://heritageyukon.ca/ContactUs.aspx

See below for address of Northern Research Institute.

7.3 Research Facilities & Funding

A number of organizations provide funding or support for northern research projects. The following sections list those organizations that typically support or fund projects in the north. Due dates for funding applications is variable and the researher is advised to contact organizations for details.

7.3.1 Northern Research Institute

The Northern Research Institute (NRI) is the research unit of the Yukon College. Committed to fostering development of northern research capabilities, NRI promotes, or undertakes research involving northerners and/or important to the economic, cultural and environmental well-being of the territory. The NRI provides contract services to government and private sectors of interest.

The NRI disburses an Endowment Fund to support scholarly research in the humanities, social, pure and applied sciences directly relevant to Yukon. Awarded competitively, Research Fellowships of up to $4000.00 are distributed to assist with those expenses associated with defined research (not for capital expenditure or administrative overhead). While priority is given to Yukon researchers, non-residents may be awarded support if their research involves significant collaboration of Yukonresidents. More information regarding Research Fellowships and application deadlines is available on the NRI website.

Logistical support is available through the NRI for outside-funded researchers; this support may include accommodation, lab and/or office space, hire of local assistants and library and/or computer access. **For more information, contact**:

Northern Research Institute
Box 2799
500 College Drive
Whitehorse, YT Canada Y1A 5K4
Tel: (867) 668-8772 or Fax: (867) 668-8805
Email: nri@yukoncollege.yk.ca
Internet: http://www.yukoncollege.yk.ca/nri/

7.3.2 Yukon Archives

Yukon Archives, a program of the Department of Tourism and Culture, Government of Yukon is located next to Yukon College, in Whitehorse. The Archives houses significant collections of government records, corporate records, private manuscripts, films, sound recordings, reference books, photographs, newspapers, and maps and plans. Photocopy, photograph and map reproduction services are available on site. The Archives can also order reference material for patrons from other institutions through inter-library loan. The reference and research rooms at the Archives are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, 1p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Closed Sunday and Monday. **For more information, contact**:

Yukon Archives
Department of Tourism & Culture
Yukon Government
Box 2703, Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 2C6

Or

400 College Drive
Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada
Tel: (867) 667-5321 or 1-800-661-0408, local 5321
Fax: (867) 393-6253
Email: yukonarchives@gov.yk.ca
Internet: http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/75.html

7.3.3 Arctic Institute of North America

Created by an Act of Parliament in 1945, the Arctic Institute of North America (AINA) is a non-profit membership organization and a multidisciplinary research institute located at the University of Calgary and the University of Alaska. The Institute's mandate is to advance the study of the North American and circumpolar Arctic through the natural and social sciences, the arts and humanities and to acquire, preserve and disseminate information on physical, environmental and social conditions in the North.

Through various funding sources, AINA supports northern research and education programs, including the Arctic Science and Technology System (ASTIS) database, the Kluane Lake Research Station and several grants and scholarships.

The Kluane Lake Research Station (KLRS) is located near the Alaska Highway, 220 kilometres northwest of Whitehorse, Yukon, on the south shore of Kluane Lake. The extreme elevation difference between Kluane Lake and the crest of the St. Elias Mountains establishes a strong gradient in environmental attributes and results in remarkable diversity of research opportunities within a small geographical area.

For more information on access, accommodation, logistical support and per diem charges at the KLRS please contact:

Kluane Lake Research Station Managers
Andrew and Carole Williams
59-13th Avenue
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 4K6
Tel./Fax: (867) 633-2018
Email: acwilliams@yknet.ca

Kluane Lake Research Station (seasonal
Mile 1054, Alaska Highway
Yukon, Y1A 3V4
Tel: (867) 474-7290 (April-October)

Arctic Institute of North America
The University of Calgary
2500 University Drive N.W.
Calgary, Alberta Canada T2N 1N4
Tel: (403) 220-7515 Fax: (403) 282-4609
Internet site: http://www.arctic.ucalgary.ca/

Arctic Institute of North America
University of Alaska
P.O. Box 6808 Rasmuson Library
Fairbanks, Alaska USA 99775-6808
Telephone: (907) 474-7450
Fax: (907) 474-7290

7.3.4 Aurora Research Institute: Inuvik Research Centre

Researchers working in the Northern Yukon may wish to make use of facilities managed by the Aurora Research Institute in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, in the Mackenzie Delta. Open year round, the Centre is a base for research in the Western Arctic and provides logistical support for researchers working in this region and in the northern Yukon. The Centre can provide accommodation, office/laboratory space, and field equipment. It can also provide research and monitoring services on a contractual basis and facilitate the hiring of local research assistants.

For more information, contact:

Aurora Reseach Institue
191 Mackenzie Road
P.O. Box 1450
Inuvik, NWT Canada X0E 0T0
Phone: (867) 777-3298
Fax: (867) 777-4264
Web: http://www.nwtresearch.com/

Invuik Research Centre
191 Mackenzie Road
P.O. Box 1430
Inuvik, NT Canada X0E 0T0
Phone: (867) 777-3838
Fax: (867) 777-4264

7.3.5 Polar Continental Shelf Project (PCSP)

Polar Continental Shelf Project (PCSP) coordinates support for, and offers expert advice to Canadian government and university scientists and independent, private sector and non-Canadian researchers working in isolated areas throughout the Canadian Arctic. Support includes: transportation, communications, accommodation, field equipment, and related services.

For more information, contact:

Polar Continental Shelf Project
615 Booth Street, Room 487
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0E9
Tel.: (613) 947-1650
Fax: (613) 947-1611
TTY : (613) 996-4397 (Teletype for the hearing-impaired)
Email: pcsp@nrcan.gc.ca
Internet: http://polar.nrcan.gc.ca

Tuktoyaktuk Research Station
Bag 2000
Tuktoyaktuk, NWT X0E 1C0
Tel: (867) 977-2333
Fax: (867) 977-2144 (seasonal)

7.3.6 Northern Scientific Training Grants Program

The Northern Scientific Training Grants Program is administered by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, for university students conducting northern research. The deadline for applications is December 1. **Information is available through participating universities or from:**

Secretary
Northern Scientific Training Program Committee
Northern Science and Contaminants Research Directorate
Indian Affairs and Northern Development
10 Wellington
Gatineau, Quebec
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0H4
Tel:(819) 997-9667
Fax:(819)994-6419

Email: NSTP@ainc-inac.gc.ca
Internet: http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca

7.3.7 Canadian Polar Commission

Established in 1991 as the lead agency in the area of polar research, the Canadian Polar Commission has responsibility for: monitoring, promoting, and disseminating knowledge of the polar regions; contributing to public awareness of the importance of polar science to Canada; enhancing Canada's international profile as a circumpolar nation; and recommending polar science policy direction to government.

In carrying out its mandate, the Commission hosts conferences and workshops, publishes information on subjects of relevance to polar research, and works closely with other governmental and non-governmental agencies to promote and support Canadian study of the polar regions.

For more information, contact:

Canadian Polar Commission
Suite 1710, Constitution Square
360 Albert Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 7X7
Tel: (613) 943-8605 Fax: (613) 943-8607 (Toll Free Tel) 1-888-765-2701
Email: mail@polarcom.gc.ca
Web: http://www.polarcom.gc.ca/

7.3.8 The Canadian Circumpolar Institute (CCI)

The Canadian Circumpolar Institute is an interdisciplinary centre dedicated to promoting, facilitating and conducting research of the highest caliber throughout the circumpolar world. We strive to develop an institute that will contribute to effective decision making, assist in the development of sustainable communities, and advance the understanding of circumpolar regions generally. The CCI also produces a series of research publications including: Occastional Publication Series, Circumpolar Research Sereis, The Northern Research Series and Solstice Series.

For more information, contact:

Canadian Circumpolar Institute
University of Alberta
8820 - 112th Street, Room 302
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E1
Tel: (403) 492-4512 or 492-4999
Fax: (403) 492-1153
e-mail: ccinst@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca
Internet: http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/polar/

7.4 Land Administration

Exclusive of National Parks and Historic Sites and First Nations settlement land, most land in the Yukon is owned and administered by the Yukon Government. **For further information on Yukon land administration, please contact:**

Lands Branch
Department of Energy, Mines and Resources
Yukon Government
Box 2703, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6
Tel: (867) 667-5882 Fax: (867) 667-3214
Web: http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands/

7.5 Maps and Photos

Aerial Photographs Library, Energy Mines and Resources. Forestry collection contact Yukon Archives, Tel: (867) 667-5321, Fax: (867) 393-6253. Web: http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/library/ Email: emrlibrary@gov.yk.ca

Aerial Photographs (Order Office) - National Air Photo Library, Natural Resources Canada, Centre for Topographic Information, 615 Booth Street, Room 180 Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0E9. Tel: 1-800-465-6277. Fax: (613) 995-4568. Flight line indices from 1940s - 1995 are available on CD from the Mining Recorder's office in Whitehorse, Tel. (867) 667-3266. Email: NAPL@NRCan.gc.ca Web: http://airphotos.nrcan.gc.ca/index_e.php

Charts (Nautical; digital maps now available) - Canadian Hydrographic Service, Fisheries & Oceans Canada, Client Services, 615 Booth Street, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0E6. Ph: (613) 998-4931, Fax (613) 998-1217. Email: chsinfo@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Web: http://www.charts.gc.ca/pub/en/

Maps (Community, Residential, agricultural, Land Claims) - Lands Branch, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Government of Yukon, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6. Phone: (867) 667-5215. Toll Free (In Yukon): 1 800 661-0408 ext. 5215. Fax: 867.667.3214. Email: land.use@gov.yk.ca. Web: http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands/. Lands and Mining parcel viewer: http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands/maps_survey_plans.html.

Maps (City of Whitehorse) – Information Systems, Second Floor, Municipal Services Building, 4210 Fourth Avenue, Whitehorse, YT. Web: http://ww3.whitehorse.ca/Maps/. Phone: (867) 668-8350. Fax: (867) 668-8653. Email: david.boorse@whitehorse.ca

Maps (Road) - Tourism Branch, Department of Tourism and Culture, Government of Yukon, 100 Hanson Street, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada Y1A 2C6. Phone: (867) 667-3053. Toll free (In Yukon): 1-800-661-0408, local 3053. Fax: (867) 667-3546. Web: http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/137.html.
Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon, #3 1109 First Ave. Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 5G4. Tel: (867) 668-3331. Fax: (867) 667-7379 Web: http://www.tiayukon.com/

Maps and Charts (Topographical, Aeronautical, Marine Charts - Inside Passage)

Mac's Fireweed Books 203,Main Street, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2B2.
Tel: (867) 668-6104, Fax: (867) 668-5548. Web: http://www.macsbooks.ca/.
Email: macsbooks@yukonbooks.com. Internet: http://www.yukonbooks.com

Depth of Water Bodies (Bathymetric) Maps:

Environment Yukon,
10 Burns Rd. Whitehorse Yukon
Phone: (867) 667-5652. Toll free (in Yukon): 1 800 661-0408, ext. 5652. Fax: (867) 393-6213
Web: http://www.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/.
Geomatics Yukon, Department of Highways and Public Works, Government of Yukon.
Phone: (867) 667-5844. Fax: (867) 6678-5304. Email: geomatics@gov.yk.ca. Web:
http://www.geomaticsyukon.ca/.
Spatial Data Clearing House: http://www.geomaticsyukon.ca/data.html

Geology Maps/Publications: Yukon Geological Survey, Box 2703 (mail to) or 102-300 Main Street,Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada Y1A 2C6. Tel: (867) 667-5200. Fax: (867) 667-5150. Email: geosales@gov.yk.ca. Web: http://www.geology.gov.yk.ca/.

7.6 Research in the Western Arctic

Without exception, all research in the Northwest Territories must be licensed. This includes work in indigenous knowledge as well as in the physical, social and biological sciences. Through the licensing process, information about your work is shared with other researchers and northern residents. Summaries of the research conducted each year are distributed to media, community organizations and other researchers. In addition, research information is added to existing and developing scientific databases.

For some very basic guidelines to assist in determining what licences and/or permits that you will require please consider the following:

- If your research will involve studies on any species of terrestrial vertebrates then view the information for Wildlife Research Permit;
- If your research will involve studies in archaeology then view the information for Archaeologists Permit;
- Research that does not fall under the Wildlife or Archaeologist legislation requires a Scientific Research Licence which is administered by our organization in Inuvik.
- If your research will involve forestry, health, contaminants, fisheries or National Parks you will need a Scientific Research Licence but there may be other specific requirements. See the Special Topics section for more information on those requirements.
- If your research takes place in the Yukon or Nunavut please view our Special Topics section for more information to assist you.

For more information contact:

Manager, Scientific Services
Aurora Research Institute
P.O. Box 1450
Inuvik, NT
X0E 0T0
Phone: (867) 777-3298, ext. 32
Fax: (867) 777-4264
e-mail: pflieg@auroracollege.nt.ca

PART II - LICENCES AND PERMITS - YUKON LEGISLATION

A number of Yukon statutes have requirements for licences or permits to conduct scientific research in the Yukon. Land claims agreements, enacted by federal and territorial statutes, also require mandatory reviews/approvals of research proposals or applications by affected First Nations where Settlement Lands are involved. These requirements are discussed below and in Part III.

1. YUKON SCIENTISTS AND EXPLORERS LICENCE

The Yukon *Scientists and Explorers Act* (2002) requires that any person who enters the Yukon to undertake scientific research obtain a licence from the Yukon government.

This Act covers both social and natural sciences and applies to scientific research to be undertaken anywhere in the territory. The exception to this is archaeological research which is covered under the authority of the *Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulations* (2003). Currently researchers conducting paleontolgical research are required to apply for a Scientists and Explorers Licence but the Paleontology Program is in the process of developing a separate permit for paleontological research under the *Yukon Historic Resources Act* (2002).

For more information about paleontology research contact:

Grant Zazula
Yukon Palaeontologist
Department of Tourism & Culture Government of Yukon
Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada Y1A 2C6
Phone: (867) 667-8089
Toll free (In Yukon): 1-800-661-0408, local 8089
Fax: (867) 667-5377
Email: grant.zazula@gov.yk.ca
Web: http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/81.html

1.1 Purpose of the Act:

- keep the Yukon government informed of research being conducted;
- ensure the Yukon benefits by receiving reports and research results;
- ensure the research will not cause undue social or environmental harm.

1.2 Application Submission: (for an application form visit http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/pdf/scientists_explorers_permit.pdf)

- applications should be forwarded at least three months prior to the start of field work.
- every researcher working on a project must apply for a licence as umbrella licences for more than one person will not be issued at licence for the same project.

1.3 Renewal:

- For multi-year projects, researchers are required to renew their licences annually for each year of the project.

1.4 Information required:

- explicit details and map showing the location/s of the research planned;
- a non-technical executive summary of what is proposed;
- information on the consultations undertaken with affected communities and First Nations Govenrments to gain support or approval of the project.

1.5 Application review process:

- Applications are reviewed to ensure the researcher has the backing of a university or other agency which will enable the research to be completed.
- Applications will be assessed by relevant government departments and agencies and referred to affected Yukon First Nations for comment/consent.

1.6 Reporting requirements:

- Researchers must submit written reports as specified on their licence. In most cases two reports are required:
- A field or progress report, listing localities visited and providing a catalogue of all collections taken, is required before the expiry date of the licence, and
- A final report of research conducted is required within one year of completion or termination of the project.

Copies are usually provided to the affected First Nation or community if the research topic involves cultural or community interests. Depending on the project and the agencies involved, the research proposals, resulting publications and reports normally submitted by the researcher to the sponsoring agency may be sufficient for the Yukon's reporting requirements

1.7 Appeal procedure:

Appeals about the issuance or rejection of a licence can be made to the Minister responsible for the administration of the Yukon *Scientists and Explorers Act.*

For further information, contact:

Manager, Heritage Resources Unit
Department of Tourism and Culture

Yukon Government
PO Box 2703 Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6
Tel: (867) 667-5363 Fax: (867) 393-6456 Email: Jeff.Hunston@gov.yk.ca
Toll free within the Yukon 1-800-661-0408 (ext: 5363)

2. YUKON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES REGULATIONS PERMIT

A Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulations Permit is required from the Yukon government for all archaeological research projects in the territory except if the research is to be undertaken in a National Park or a National Historic Site. (See Part IV for information on federal government permits.)

The authority for the permits is derived from the *Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulations* (2003) pursuant to the *Historic Resources Act* (2002). Researchers requesting these permits will receive a copy of and be asked to follow the Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulations Guidelines for Permit Holders (available on the Yukon Heritage Resources web page: www.yukonheritage.com or http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/868.html).

Purpose:
The purpose of this permit is to:

- ensure all archaeological research in the Yukon is conducted by qualified individuals;
- ensure the work will contribute to knowledge of the Yukon's prehistory; and
- ensure the research will not cause undue social or environmental harm.

2.1 Reporting Artifacts

Archaeological sites are protected from disturbance under the Archaeological Site Regulations (Historic Resources Act). No artefacts may be removed from an archaeological site without a permit.

To research or collect from an archaeological site (be it on public or fee-simple land) requries a permit under the *Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulations*. On First Nation Settlement Lands a permit or permission is required from the First Nation Government.

Application: (For application forms or go to (http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/868.html)
An application for an *Archaeological Sites Regulations Permit* should be forwarded at least three months prior to the start of field work. A non-technical executive summary of what is proposed should also be included. Applications normally are approved if the principal researcher meets the following criteria:

* has a Master's degree in Archaeology plus two field seasons of experience;

* is attached to a major institution or university, or is a practicing archaeological consultant;
* has a valid research proposal and methodology;
* has complied with the terms and conditions of previous permits;
* has conducted consultations with affected communities and gained approval of the project; and
* has identified the potential conservation requirements for artifacts recovered during research and identified how these requirements will be met.

The Archaeological Sites Regulations provide for two classes of permits. A Class 1 permit authorizes archaeological research that does not disturb or in any way alter an archaeological site. Class 1 Permit holders are not permitted to collect artifacts. A Class 2 Permit authorizes the excavation of sites and the collection of artifacts. Please note that reporting requirements differ according to permit class (see below). For more information on permits please see the Yukon Archaeological Site Regulations, available on the Yukon Heritage Resources website at www.yukonheritage.com.

Permit conditions:
Researchers should note that permit conditions take precedence over any contractual arrangements entered into by the permit holder. As well, the permit holder is responsible for the preparation (authorship) of all field reports required under the permit. Only one (1) permit will be issued per application and project. The permit holder must be involved in a minimum of 75% of the actual field work.

Approval process:
Applications for an Archeological Sites Regulations Permit are reviewed by relevant government departments and agencies approval and referred to the Council of Yukon First Nations and affected Yukon First Nation Governments for comment.

- a field or progress report, including copies of site records and artifact catalogues, is required before the expiry date of the permit, usually December 31st; and

Appeal procedure:
Appeals regarding the issuance or rejection of a permit can be made to the Interdepartmental Committee on Archaeology through the contact listed below. **For further information and application forms contact:**

Manager, Heritage Resources Unit
Cultural Services Branch
Department of Tourism & Culture
Yukon Government
PO Box 2703
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6
Tel: (867) 667-5363 Fax: (867) 393-6456 Email: Jeff.Hunston@gov.yk.ca
Toll free within the Yukon 1-800-661-0408 (ext: 5363)

3. LAND USE PERMIT

A Land Use Permit is required:

- if the number of persons involved in the project and their length of stay is such that a single camp will be occupied for more than 100 person days;
- if a fuel cache is in excess of 4,000 litres; or
- if a single fuel container of more than 2,000 litres is used.

To obtain a Land Use Permit for activities in the Yukon, contact:

Land Resources - Land Use Section
Department of Energy, Mines and Resources
345-300 Main Street
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2B5
Tel: (867) 667-3173 Fax: (867) 667-3214

4. CONSERVATION AREAS

In the Yukon, land may be protected under any one of several pieces of legislation including the Yukon Parks and Land Certainty Act, the Wildlife Act, the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, and First Nation Land Claim Agreements. Federally, the Canada Wildlife Act also protects an area of land. The legislation determines whether the designated land becomes a park, preserve, protection area, etc. Further, areas titled Territorial Parks may have one or more land conservation classifications in their makeup. Internationally, conservation areas are classified using the World Conservation Union (IUCN) categories. Permits, special requirements and right of access may vary depending on the type of conservation area in which you plan to conduct your research.

Name	Type	IUCN	Protection	Area (km2)
Fishing Branch	Wilderness Preserve	I	Full	5213.4
Herschel Island	Territorial Park	II	Full	113.0
Ivvavik	National Park	II	Full	9695.6
Kluane	National Park	II	Full	22158.6
Vuntut	National Park	II	Full	4376.1
Tombstone	Territorial Park	II	Full	2113.1
Asi Keyi	Territorial Park	II	Full	3023.8
Kusawa	Territorial Park	II	Full	3210.0
Coal River Springs	Ecological Reserve	III	Full	16.1
Fishing Branch	Ecological Reserve	III	Full	169.1
Horseshoe Slough	Habitat Protection Area	IV	Partial/ Interim	77.0

Ddhaw Ghro	Habitat Protection Area	IV	Partial/ Interim	1610.1
Lutsaw Wetland	Habitat Protection Area	IV	Partial/ Interim	32.1
Nordenskiold	Habitat Protection Area	IV	Partial/ Interim	77.4
Nisutlin River	National Wildlife Area	IV	Partial/ Interim	54.9
Old Crow Flats	Special Management Area	IV	Partial/ Interim	7742.1
Fishing Branch	Habitat Protection Area	IV	Partial/ Interim	978.5
Pickhandle Lake	Habitat Protection Area	IV	Partial/ Interim	62.2
Lewes Marsh	Habitat Protection Area	IV	Partial/ Interim	25.9
Tatlaman	Special Management Area	VI	Minimal	33.2
Kluane	Wildlife Sanctuary	VI	Minimal	3380.8

Table 1: List of Parks and Comservation areas in the Yukon.

For information regarding the classification of conservation areas please contact:

Department of Environment
Government of Yukon
Box 2703 or 10 Burns Road
Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, Y1A 2C6
Phone: (867) 5652 Fax: (867) 393-6213
Toll Free: 1-800-661-0408, ext. 5652
Email: environmentyukon@gov.yk.ca
Web: http://environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/contactus.php

4.1 YUKON TERRITORIAL PARK USE PERMIT

A Park Use Permit is required for research in Herschel Island (Qikiqtaruk) Territorial Park, Coal River Springs Territorial Park, Fishing Branch *Ni'iinlii Njik* Territorial Park and Tombstone Territorial Park (http://environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/parksconservation/yukonparks.php) pursuant to the Yukon *Parks Act*. A Park Use Permit will also be required to complete research within Parks that are in the process of being established as a result of Land Claims including: Kusuwa Territorial Park and Agey Mene Territorial Park and Asi Keyi Territorial Park. (http://environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/parksconservation/areasawatingdesignation.php)

For more information, contact:
Parks Branch
Department of Environment

Government of Yukon
Box 2703, 9029 Quartz Road, Building 271,
Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada Y1A 2C6
Phone: (867) 667-5639
Toll free (in Yukon): (1-800) 661-0408 ext. 5639
Fax: (867) 393-7003
Email: yukonparks@gov.yk.ca
Web: http://environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/parks.php

4.2 SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS AND HABITAT PROTECTION AREAS

Protected areas identified and established within a Traditional Territory of a Yukon First Nation under a Final Agreement are called *Special Management Areas*. They can be Yukon Parks, Habitat Protection Areas, National Parks or Wildlife Areas, or other types. The level of protection is defined in a management plan developed for each particular area, with management by the Yukon government, First Nation governments, and Renewable Resource Councils, depending on the area and jurisdiction.

A *Habitat Protection Area* is an area identified as requiring special protection under Yukon's Wildlife Act. It is an area where disturbance to wildlife, or to the plants on which it depends, could lead to the decline of a species or population. It may be an area where a wildlife species is concentrated at certain times of year, a habitat type that is rare in the Yukon or a site that is particularly fragile.

If your research is to be conducted within a Special Management Area or a Habitat Protection Area be sure to find out whether the Government of Yukon or a First Nation Government has management jurisdiction in the study area. Furthermore, researchers should make themselves aware of special protocols for access-to, travelling-in and otherwise occupying such areas to ensure that the research does not negatively impact sensitive species or habitats. Apply for permits or permissions accordingly.

For more information on Special Management Areas and Habitat Protestion Areas please contact:

Department of Environment
Government of Yukon
Box 2703 or 10 Burns Road
Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, Y1A 2C6
Phone: (867) 5652 Fax: (867) 393-6213
Toll Free: 1-800-661-0408, ext. 5652
Email: environmentyukon@gov.yk.ca
Web: http://environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/contactus.php

5. YUKON WILDLIFE ACT PERMITS

If your research involves the export or transport of wildlife or wildlife products (whole animal, dead or alive, or parts of animals) beyond the limits of the Yukon, prior approval must be obtained through a Yukon Wildlife Export Permit, issued under the Yukon's *Wildlife Act*. Fees apply to the export of any live wildlife. A Research Permit issued under the *Wildlife Act* is required if your research involves the harvesting or capture of any wildlife. Furthermore, you require a permit to collect and be in possession of dead wildlife or wildlife parts.

To obtain a Permit under the Yukon Wildlife Act, contact:

Fish and Wildlife Branch
Department of Environment
Government of Yukon
10 Burns Road or Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada Y1A 2C6
Phone: (867) 667-5715
Toll free (in Yukon): 1-800-661-0408 ext. 5715
Fax: (867) 393-6405
Email: fish.wildlife@gov.yk.ca
Web: http://environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/fishwildlife.php

PART III - LICENCES AND PERMITS - LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENTS

Special permit and access requirements may apply to the lands covered under Yukon First Nation Final Agreements, the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, and the (Tetlit) Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement. Specific permits have not been developed at this time, so the researcher should contact the First Nation Government how manages the settlement land in which research is proposed in order to gain consent.

1. ACCESS TO YUKON FIRST NATION SETTLEMENT LANDS

1.1 General provisions

Although right of access for non-government research purposes is not addressed specifically in the Agreements, the following general provisions would apply.

Consent is required from the First Nation to access *developed* settlement lands. Developed settlement land means any parcel of land designated as developed by mutual agreement of Government and the First Nation. Developed lands often have buildings or structures on them and are identified on land claim agreement maps. Maps are available for viewing at Yukon Department of Renewable Resources offices, First Nation offices or Federal map offices. An online map viewer is also available on the Lands Branch web page: http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands/maps_survey_plans.html.

The public is allowed to enter, cross and make necessary stops on *undeveloped* settlement lands and to use waterfront rights of way on First Nation lands for non-commercial recreational purposes, in order to reach adjacent non-settlement land, provided that:

* the use is casual and insignificant;
* the route is generally recognized and was being used regularly before the effective date of the Agreement;
* the access is necessary;
* there is no alternative on Crown Lands;
* there is no significant interference with the use and enjoyment of First Nation land by the First Nation
* or, access is based on terms and conditions (including compensation), set out in an agreement between the researcher and the Yukon First Nation, or, by the Surface Rights Board.

Government may access the land for public purposes if it is for less than 120 days. After that, the Yukon First Nation may negotiate with the government terms and conditions, including compensation, and if no agreement is reached, the Surface Rights Board will determine the terms and conditions.

2. RESEARCH - YUKON FIRST NATION LANDS

The Umbrella Final Agreement (UFA) was signed in 1993 by the Council for Yukon Indians (now the Council of Yukon First Nations) and the Government of Canada and the Government of Yukon. The UFA provides the framework for Final Agreements and Self-Government Agreements for each of the Yukon's 14 First Nations.

Land claim agreements are now in effect for eleven Yukon First Nations: The First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun (Mayo area), the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (Old Crow and area), the Teslin Tlingit Council (Teslin area), the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (Haines Junction area), Selkirk First Nation (Pelly Crossing area), Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation (Carmacks area) and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (Dawson area), Ta'an Kwach'an Council (Lake LeBarge area), Kluane First Nation (Burwash area), Kwanlin Dun First Nation (Whitehorse area), Carcross/Tagish First Nation (Carcross area). The remaining three First Nations.: Liard First Nation, Ross River Dena Council and White River First Nation have not been concluded.

Key provisions of the Agreement describe First Nation rights to manage and administer Settlement Lands, which are selected from land within the First Nation's Traditional Territory. Once all of the Agreements are completed, Settlement Lands will comprise about 8.6% of land in the Yukon.

Figure 1: Map of the Yukon depicting the location of First Nation Traditional Territories. Map produced by the Department of Environment, Government of Yukon.

2.1 Research - General Provisions

Applications for private research on Settlement Land must be directed to the appropriate Yukon First Nation or in some cases the Renewable Resources Council (fish and wildlife research).

The Heritage Resources Unit will forward applications received under the *Scientists and Explorers Act* (from researchers coming into the Yukon) to the First Nation and/or Renewable

Resources Council, as necessary, for screening and/or consent. Future regulations will establish a joint permitting system with Yukon First Nations for heritage research.

Notice of such applications should be sent directly by the applicant to the Yukon First Nation.

In the future, major research projects involving significant land use or impacts, and field research generated by impact assessments, will be incorporated in the Development Assessment Process (DAP) now being planned by Government and the Council of Yukon First Nations pursuant to the Yukon Umbrella Final Agreement.

2.2 Fish and Wildlife Research

Under Yukon First Nation Land Claim Agreements, applications for private fish and wildlife surveys and research on Settlement Land must be directed to the appropriate First Nation. Applications associated with Fish and Wildlife management-related research activities will be provided to the Renewable Resources Councils for review.

> Section 16.5.1.11 of the Umbrella Final Agreement states: "(The Yukon First Nation) shall screen and may approve applications for Fish and Wildlife surveys and research permits for private surveys and research within that Yukon First Nation's Settlement Lands."
>
> Section 16.6.10.11 of the Umbrella Final Agreement states: "The Renewable Resources Council may make recommendations to the Minister on applications for research permits granted by Government for Fish and Wildlife management-related research activities within the relevant Traditional Territory."

First Nations may make recommendations to the Renewable Resources Council on applications by Government for fish and wildlife research and surveys, permitted under the *Wildlife Act*, on that Yukon First Nation's Settlement Land (Section 16.5.1.10).

2.3 Heritage Resources and Sites Research

Yukon First Nations with Final Agreements own and manage heritage resources directly related to their history and culture found on Settlement Lands and within the Traditional Territory, with consideration for objects owned privately. Archaeological and palaeontological resources found outside Settlement Lands are managed and held in trust for the public by the Government of Yukon.

Under Yukon First Nation Agreements, Government (Yukon and Federal) **shall consult** with First Nations before issuing a permit for research at a Heritage Site that is directly related to the culture and heritage of that First Nation in its Traditional Territory. This is presently done through the review process for permits issued under the *Yukon Archeological Sites Regulations (see Part II)*.

Heritage sites are defined as those which may contain moveable heritage resources or objects of scientific or cultural value for their archaeological, palaeontological, ethnological, prehistoric, historic or aesthetic features, including moveable structures and objects. This may include buildings, stone tools, artifacts, bones or other objects.

2.4 Access to Designated Heritage Sites

Several heritage sites in the Yukon will be officially designated for protection and management under provisions of several Yukon First Nation Final Agreements now in effect. In most cases the sites will be jointly owned and managed by Government and the First nations, while some sites will be owned and managed by the First Nation. Other heritage sites may be manged as Special Management Areas. In either case, a management plan will be prepared jointly by Government and the First Nation for these sites which will address access provisions for researchers and the general public. A requirement for First Nation consultation and/or consent may be required.

The heritage sites affected, and the applicable provisions, are as follows:

Historic Site	First Nation Settlement
Rampart House/Lapierre House	Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Final Agreement, Ch. 13, Sched. B
Lansing Heritage Site	First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, ch. 13, Sched. A
Fort Selkirk	Selkirk First Nation Final Agreement, Sched. A
Forty Mile, Fort Cudahy and Fort Constantine	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (Dawson) Final Agreement, Ch. 13, Sched. B
Tr'ochëk (Klondike City)	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement, Ch. 13, Sched. B
Shäwshe (Dalton Post)	Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Final Agreement
Conrad Historic Site	Carcross and Tagish First Nation Fanal Agreement, CH. 13, Sched. B
Tagish Northwest Mounted Police Historic Site	Carcross and Tagish First Nation Final Agreement, CH. 13, Sched. A

Table 2: Designated Heritage Sites.

Future Yukon First Nation Final Agreements may also contain provisions for specific heritage sites. **For more information about heritage research and land claims provisions, contact the affected First Nation or:**

Manager of Heritage Resources
Cultural Services Branch, Yukon Government

PO Box 2703
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6
Tel: (867) 667-5363 Fax: (867) 393-6456 Toll free within the Yukon 1-800-661-0488

3. RESEARCH PERMITS - TETLIT GWICH'IN YUKON LANDS

Research proposals concerning areas located in the northeast corner of the Yukon on Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon Lands located in the Peel River Basin, must be approved by the Gwich'in Tribal Council consistent with their land claims agreement (See Figure 2). Research proposals should be sent to the Gwich'in Tribal Council, with a copy to the Gwich'in Land Administrator in Aklavik. Any benefits relevant to the Tetlit Gwich'in from the research should be identified in the proposals. Final reports should also be sent to these authorities. Please contact the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute for guidelines on research respecting tradional knowledge.

Contact:

Gwich'in Tribal Council
PO Box 1509
Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0
Tel: (867) 777-7900
Fax: (867) 777-7919

Gwich'in Land Administration
Land Administrator
PO Box 118
Aklavik, NT X0E 0A0
Tel: (867) 978-2340
Fax: (867) 978-2937

Figure 2: Map of the Northeast Yukon showing the Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon lands.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING – YUKON

Please note, large field projects which propose the establishment of camps with occupancy exceeding 100 person-days and projects which significantly impact Yukon communities or Yukon fish and wildlife may require review under the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Act. Please consult the YESAA Schedule 1 - Assessable Activities: http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/showdoc/cr/SOR-2005-379/sc:1//en#anchorsc:1 or contact the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assesment Board Office for information: www.yesab.ca.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING - INUVIALUIT SETTLEMENT REGION

All projects to conduct scientific research in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region in the Western Arctic must be screened for their environmental impact. In the Yukon this applies to the Yukon's North Slope including Ivvavik National Park and Herschel Island Territorial Park (See Figure 3). This screening is required to comply with the *Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims*

Settlement Act which legislates the environmental screening of developments that could have a significant negative environmental impact on the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Process (See Figure 4)
Proposals for development projects or projects to conduct scientific research in the Yukon North Slope are subject to review by the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) established pursuant to the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.

Ten copies of submissions for development proposals must be received by the Environmental Impact Screening Committee office at least 30 days prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Screening of completed project descriptions typically occurs within about 50 days of receipt of that description.

Project Descriptions
Submissions must be in the format prescribed by the EISC's *Operating Guidelines and Procedures*, available by contacting the Committee at the address below. A covering letter requesting a formal screening should be included which provides a contact telephone number for the individual responsible for the project.

Project descriptions should be concise and non-technical, with point form summaries where possible. Other requirements include:

* a general overview of the project, presented if possible with maps, charts or diagrams, outlining its scale, timing, location and purpose;
* a rationale for site selection;
* where applicable, a description of project phases and/or elements and a timetable for implementation;
* where applicable, an outline of any new technology involved;
* environmental overview of resources which may be affected, with reference to relevant sections of Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plans for the area in which you are working;
* an outline of mitigative measures that will be undertaken to reduce, control or remove potential negative environmental impacts and an indication as to whether these mitigative measures are proven in terms of technology and practical experience;
* where applicable, a summary of emergency response plans and contingency plans; an outline of plans for cleanup, reclamation, disposal and/or abandonment of equipment or structures upon completion;
* an outline of past, current or upcoming environmental reviews, screening or assessments that are relevant to the project or any of its elements;
* a list of government approvals, licences and/or permits of an environmental or regulatory nature as they relate to each phase or element of the project;
* an outline of any community or public consultation activities that have been conducted, or are planned, in relation to the project;

* a summary of the results of these activities, and a list of the concerns expressed by the organizations or individuals consulted;
* key government and proponent contacts.

The EISC considers the local Hunters and Trappers Committee (HTC) as the focal point of community consultation in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region including the North Slope; developers must confer at the very least with the HTC whose members may be affected by the proposal. In most cases in the Yukon, this will involve the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee.

To contact the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee:

Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee
P.O. Box 151,
Aklavik, N.W.T. XOE OAO,
Tel: (867) 978-2723 Fax: (867) 978-2661.
Email: akl-htc@jointsec.nt.ca
WEB: http://inuit.pail.ca/aklavik-hunters.htm

Except under extraordinary circumstances, the EISC will not screen project descriptions until *after* community consultation has been done and the results are made available to the EISC for examination.

To request Submission Guidelines or submit project descriptions, contact:

Secretary
Environmental Impact Screening Committee
Joint Secretariat - Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Committees
PO Box 2120
Inuvik, NT Canada X0E 0T0
Tel: (867) 979-2828 Fax: (867) 979-2610
Email: eisceirb@jointsec.nt.ca
WEB: http://www.jointsecretariat.ca/eisc.html

Figure 3: Map of the Yukon showing the Inuvialuit Settlement Area.

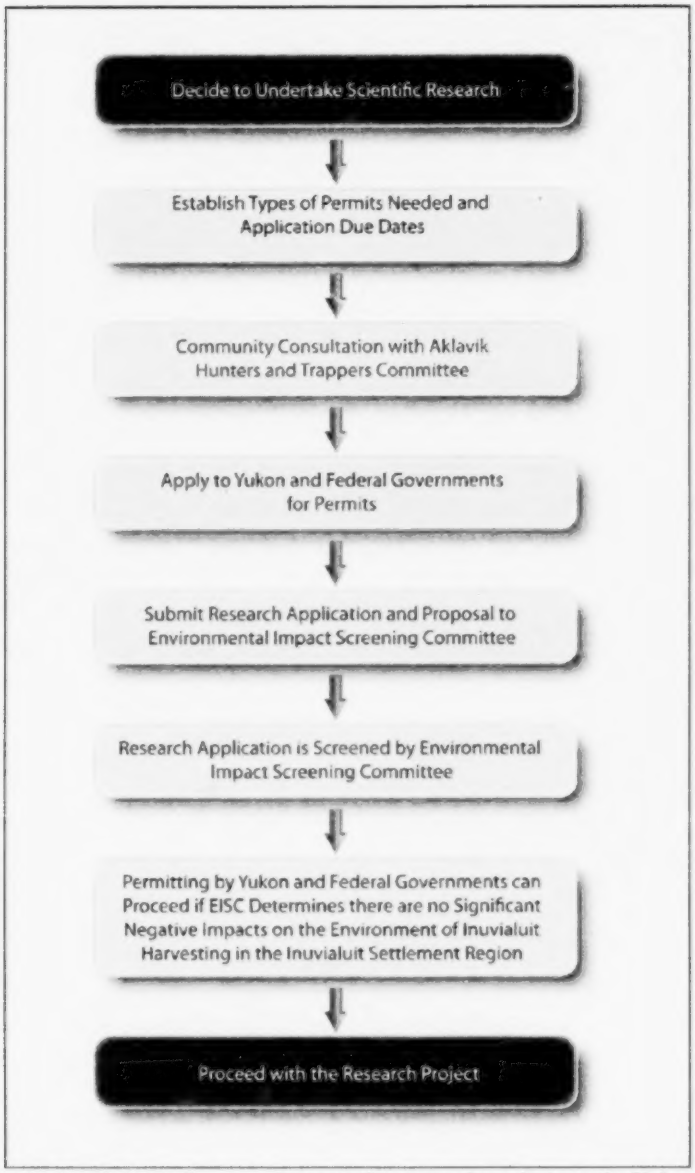
Decide to Undertake Scientific Research
Establish Types of Permits Needed and Application Due Dates
Community Consultation with Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee
Apply to Yukon and Federal Governments for Permits
Submit Research Application and Proposal to Environmental Impact Screening Committee
Research Application is Screened by Environmental Impact Screening Committee
Permitting by Yukon and Federal Governments can Proceed if EISC Determines there are no Significant Negative Impacts on the Environment of Inuvialuit Harvesting in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region
Proceed with the Research Project

Figure 4: Organizational chart of approval process for research projects on the Yukon North Slope.

6. PROTECTION OF BURIAL SITES

In any culture a human burial is a sacred place and demands respect. In the Yukon, it is unlawful to excavate, investigate or otherwise disturb grave sites except as permitted by Government and/or affected First Nations. The protection of burial sites is addressed in the

Yukon *Historic Resources Act*, and in Yukon land claims agreements, as well as in federal regulations governing parks, mining and other land use activities
Yukon First Nations own and manage Yukon First Nation burial sites on their Settlement Lands, and together with Government, protect Yukon First Nation burial sites located on Non-Settlement lands within their Traditional Territories. Similar provisions also apply to the Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon Lands in the Peel River Basin area.

Procedures for protecting and managing Yukon First Nation burial sites are being developed under the agreements.

What do you do if you accidentally discover a possible grave site during your research project?

- Do not disturb the site by removing materials, lifting stones or wood to see what's underneath.

- Do not handle or remove human bones or grave goods. Instead, flag and note the exact location (photographs can assist in site identification) and notify as soon as possible the agency which approved your licence or permit. They will in turn notify the Coroner's office, First Nations and others as required.

- Accidental discoveries of First Nation burial sites within a Traditional Territory of a First Nation must be reported to that First Nation. Once notified, the First Nation's consent is required to continue any work or activity sponsored or administered by Government or a First Nation at the site. Access restrictions, or terms and conditions may be set by the First Nation regarding any further site disturbance. On non-settlement lands, Government and First Nations co-manage the site. **For further information, please contact:** Yukon Heritage Resources, Tel. (867) 667-5983.

How to Identify Traditional Burial Sites?

The appearance of traditional burial sites may vary depending upon the region you are working in. Non-native graves were traditionally marked with familiar wooden headboards and crosses. Since the coming of the first Europeans, in the early 1800s, many native graves were also marked in these ways, sometimes surrounded by small picket/wire fences.

Small wooden structures, called spirit houses, surrounded by picket fences, are commonly seen at First Nation grave sites on prominent hill-tops and benches throughout the central and southern Yukon. First Nation cemeteries also contain such structures. First Nations have requested that visitors not enter these cemeteries, because of previous vandalism and desecration of graves.

In the Northern Yukon, traditional graves involving laying out the dead would have been made on prominent hilltops, at cliff's edges or along shorelines. The bodies were covered with driftwood, logs or stones. Often the personal possessions of the deceased, including dog sleds, kayaks or umiaks (whaling boats) were placed atop the grave mounds. Occasionally you may see evidence of a native grave where the body was laid out on an elevated platform and decorated with personal possessions.

PART IV - LICENCES AND PERMITS - FEDERAL LEGISLATION

1. PARKS CANADA RESEARCH AND COLLECTION PERMIT

A Parks Canada Research and Collection Permit is required to conduct scientific research within a National Park, a National Park Reserve or a National Historic Site. In the Yukon this applies to Ivvavik National Park, Vuntut National Park, Kluane National Park and National Park Reserve, and the Klondike National Historic Sites.

To obtain Research and Collection Permits contact:

Parks Canada National Office
25 Eddy Street
Gatineau, Quebec, Canada, K1A 0M5
Email: information@pc.gc.ca
WEB: http://www.pc.gc.ca/index_E.asp

Or for local offices contact:

Manager, Resource Conservation
Kluane National Park and Reserve
Yukon Field Unit, Parks Canada
PO Box 5495
Haines Junction, YT Y0B 1L0
Tel: (867) 634-7250 Fax: (867) 634-7208
Email: kluane.info@pc.gc.ca

Klondike National Historic Sites
Parks Canada
Box 390
Dawson City, Y.T., Canada, Y0B 1G0
Tel: 867-993-7200
Fax: 867-993-7203
Email: dawson.info@pc.gc.ca

Vuntut National Park of Canada
Community Liaison Officer
Brenda Frost-Charlie
General Delivery
Old Crow, Yukon, Canada Y0B 1N0
Phone: 867-667-3910 Fax: 867-966-3432
Email: brenda.frost-charlie@pc.gc.ca

For Ivvavik National Park, contact:

Superintendent
Western Arctic Field Unit, Parks Canada
PO Box 1840
Inuvik, NT XOE OTO
Tel: (867)777-8800 Fax: (867) 777-8820
Email: Inuvik.info@pc.gc.ca

2. DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS (DFO) SCIENTIFIC LICENCE

A licence granted pursuant to Section 51 of the Fisheries (General) Regulations is required to fish for experimental, scientific, educational or public display purposes. Marine mammals (with the exception of polar bears) and invertebrates are included in the definition of "fish".

Contact:

Senior Habitat Biologist
Department of Fisheries and Oceans
100-200 Range Road
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 3V1
Tel: (867) 393-6730 Fax: (867) 393-6738
Email: schneiderd@pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca
Web: http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/yukon/contacts.htm

3. EXPORT PERMITS FOR IVORY AND WHALE BONE

Export permits must be obtained in advance for the export of ivory and other products (e.g. whale bone) from some species listed by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (C.I.T.E.S.). In the Canadian Arctic this would include narwal, walrus and bowhead whales.

To obtain these export permits contact:

Client Services
Department of Environment
Yukon Government
PO Box 2703
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6
Tel: (867) 667-5221 or (867) 667-5652 Fax: (867) 393-7197
Toll free within the Yukon 1-800-661-0408
Email: environmentyukon@gov.yk.ca

OR

Senior Habitat Biologist
Department of Fisheries and Oceans
100-419 Range Road
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 3V1
Tel: (867) 393-6730 Fax: (867) 393-6738
Toll free: 1-866-676-6722
Email: schneiderd@pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca
Web: http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/yukon/contacts.htm

4. FIREARMS: POSSESION AND ACQUISITION LICENCE

Expeditions may carry non-restricted firearms to protect themselves or their equipment from wild animals. However, in national parks or national parks reserves no firearams may be carried. A Posseision and Acquisition Licence (PAL) is required to acquire or carry or operate a Non-restricted firearm. For non-residents aged 18 and older a Non-resident Firearms Declaration must be completed in order to be granted a temporary licence for up to 60 days. Non-residents who have passed the Canadian Firearms Safety Course can apply for a five year PAL. A restricted firearms PAL is required to carry a restricted firearm (e.g. pistols and revolvers) and only Canadian citizens can obtain this. A restricted firearm Carrying Permit is required to transport a restricted firearm.

To obtain a Possesion and Acquisition Licence Please contact:

Canada Firearms Centre
Fire Arms Licencing and Registration
Whitehorse Office
Tel: (867) 667-5332 Fax: (867) 393-6209
Toll Free: 1-800-731-4000 (ext. 4501)
Web: www.cfc-cafc.gc.cz

5. LICENCE TO OPERATE A RADIO APPARATUS

The operation of portable or mobile two-way radios requires a licence. Personal locator beacons do not require a licence. If you have your own discrete frequency installed in your radio, you must check with the local office of the Department of Industry (listed below) to determine whether this may cause interference to existing users. Examples of some frequencies available for general shared use are: 154.100 mhz "lad one", 158.940 mhz "lad two".

For more information and to receive your application form, please contact:

Industry Canada
205-300 Main Street
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2B5
Tel: 1 (867) 667-5102
Fax: (867) 668-5003

6. ICEFIELDS MOUNTAINEERING PERMIT

An Icefields Mountaineering Permit is required to mount an expedition in the Kluane National Park Reserve: a walk into or out from Mount Logan includes over 100 km of glacier travel. **All** persons planning on spending time within the Icefield Ranges of Kluane National Park & Reserve must have an Icefields Mountaineering Permit. This permit may be obtained in the following manner:

- Each member of the expedition must complete an *Application to Participate in an Icefields Mountaineering Expedition* and sign the attached waiver.

- Include an itinerary of the planned trip that describes the air carrier, radio communication, arrival and departure dates and a list of the mountaineering equipment to be used.

- Each expedition must show in its application that it has the knowledge and equipment for self-rescue as well as a means of communication in the event of an emergency.

- Submit all of the above information for your expedition, as a package, to:

- Every member of the expedition must view the *Mountaineering in Kluane National Park & Reserve* video, available at Kluane National Park & Reserve.

Allow adequate time for correspondence regarding your application.

The Icefields Mountaineering Permit will be issued to your expedition from the Warden Service office upon your arrival in Kluane National Park & Reserve.

For those who plan to enter the Icefield Ranges through Alaska, and who will not be stopping by Haines Junction, Yukon, other arrangements may be made to receive the Icefields Mountaineering Permit and Aircraft Landing Permit and to view the video.

For a complete list of requirements, and to obtain an *Mountaineering Expedition Permit Application Form*, contact:

Mountaineering Warden
Kluane National Park and Reserve
PO Box 5495
Haines Junction, YT Y0B 1L0
Tel: (867) 634-7279 Fax: (867) 634-7277
Email: kluane.info@pc.gc.ca
Web: http://pc.gc.ca/pn-np/yt/kluane/activ/activ3f_E.asp

7. MIGRATORY BIRDS SANCTUARY PERMIT AND SCIENTIFIC PERMIT

A *Migratory Birds Sanctuary Permit* is required to conduct scientific work within a Migratory Birds Sanctuary. A *Migratory Birds Scientific Permit* is required to conduct scientific research on migratory birds not in a sanctuary. The *Migratory Birds Scientific Permit* is also required for research on migratory birds in a National Park or any other area.

To obtain these permits for work in the Yukon, contact:

Head, Wildlife Enforcement Section
Canadian Wildlife Service

Environment Canada, Pacific Wildlife Research Centre
R.R. #1 5421 Robertson Rd.
Delta, BC V4K 3N2
Tel: (604) 940-4700 Fax: (604) 946-8359
Email: greenlane.pyr@ec.gc.ca
Web: http://www.pyr.ec.gc.ca/EN/Wildlife/index.shtml

8. PERMISSION TO USE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE BASES OR NORTH WARNING SYSTEM SITES

Permission to use Department of National Defence Bases (DND) or North Warning System Sites may be arranged. In the Yukon, this applies to activities at the Shingle Point Site. It is advisable to make this request well in advance of the planned project.

To obtain permission for North Warning System Sites, contact:
Nasittuq Corporation
100-170 Laurier Ave. West
Ottawa, Ontario, K1P5V5
Tel: (613) 234-9033 Fax: (613) 234-2671
Web: http://www.nasittuq.com
Email: debbie.morris@nasittuq.com

For DND Bases and Stations, contact:
J3 Ops
Senior Operations Officer, Northern Area
Operations/opérations
Joint Task Force (North)/Force Opérationnelle Interarmées (Nord)
Headquarters, Department of National Defence
Box 6666 Stn. Main
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories X1A 2R3
Tel: (867) 873-0700 (ext 6944)
Email: bridges.kw@forces.gc.ca

9. NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA PERMIT

A National Wildlife Area Permit is required to conduct activities within a National Wildlife Area. There is one National Wildlife Area in the Yukon: the Nisutlin Bay National Wildlife Area was established under the terms of the Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) Final Agreement.

Requests for permits should be submitted to:
Canadian Wildlife Service
91782 Alaska Highway
Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 5B7
Telephone: 867-393-6700 Fax: 867-393-7970
Email: greenlane.pyr@ec.gc.ca

Or for more information on the TTC Final Agreement contact:

Chair, Teslin Renewable Resources Council
P.O. Box 186
Teslin, Yukon YOA 1B0
Tel: (867) 390-2323 Fax: (867) 390-2919

APPENDIX I

LIST OF YUKON COMMUNITY CONTACTS, FIRST NATIONS AND RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCILS

Community	Municipalities and Community Clubs	Yukon First Nations	Renewable Resources Councils
Beaver Creek	Beaver Creek CommunityClub Beaver Creek, Yukon Y0B 1A0 Tel: (867) 862-7211	White River First Nation General Delivery Beaver Creek, Yukon Y0B 1A0 Tel: (867) 862-7802 Fax: (867) 862-7806	Not Established
Burwash Landing / Destruction Bay	Kluane Lake Athletic Association General Delivery Destruction Bay, Yukon Y0B 1H0 Tel: (867) 841-4191	Kluane First Nation PO Box 20 Burwash Landing, Yukon Y0B 1V0 Tel: (867) 841-4274 Fax: (867) 841-5900	Dan Keyi Renewable resources Council Box 50 Burwash Landing, Yukon Y0B1V0 Tel: (867) 841-5820 Fax: (867) 841-5821 Email: dankeyirrc@northwestel.net
Carcross	Carcross Community & Curling Club PO Box 48 Carcross, Yukon Y0B 1B0 Tel: (867) 821-3101	Carcross/Tagish First Nation PO Box 130 Carcross, Yukon Y0B 1B0 Tel: (867) 821-4251 Fax: (867) 821-4802	Not Established
Carmacks	The Village of Carmacks General Delivery Carmacks, Yukon Y0B 1C0 Tel: (867) 863-6271 Fax: (867) 993-7434	Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Box 135 Carmacks, Yukon Y0B 1C0 Tel: (867) 863-5576 Fax: (867) 863-5710	Carmacks Renewable Resources Council c/o Box 116 Carmacks, Yukon Y0B 1C0 Tel: (867) 863-6838 Fax: (867) 863-6429 email: carmacksrrc@northwestel.net
Dawson City	The City of Dawson PO Box 308 Dawson City, Yukon Y0B 1G0 Tel: (867) 993-7400 Fax: (867) 993-7434	Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation PO Box 599 Dawson City, Yukon Y0B 1G0 Tel: (867) 993-7100 Fax: (867) 993-6553	Dawson District Renewable Resources Council PO Box 1380 Dawson City, YT Y0B 1G0 Tel: (867) 993-6976 Fax: (867) 993-6093 email: dawsonrrc@northwestel.net

Faro	Town of Faro PO Box 580 Faro, Yukon Y0B 1K0 Tel: (867) 994-2728 Fax: (867) 994-3154	See Ross River Listings	Not Established
Haines Junction	Village of Haines JunctionPO Box 5312Haines Junction, Yukon Y0B1L0Tel: (867) 634-7100Fax: (867) 634-7101	Champagne and Aishihik First NationsBox 5310Haines Junction, Yukon YOB1L0 Tel: (867) 634-4200Fax: (867) 634-2108or 304 Jarvis StreetWhitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2H2Tel: (867) 668-3627Fax: (867) 667-6202	Alsek Renewable Resources CouncilPO Box 2077Haines Junction, Yukon YOB 1L0Tel: (867) 634-2524Fax: (867) 634-2527email: admin@alsekrrc.ca
Keno City	Keno Community Club, PO Box 17 Keno City, Yukon Y0B 1M0 Tel: (867) 995-3103 Fax: (867) 995-3103	See Mayo Listings	See Mayo Listings
Lake Laberge	None	Ta'an Kwach'an Council 117 Industrial Rd. Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2T8 Tel: (867) 668-3613 Fax: (867) 667-4295	Laberge Renewable Resources Council #202-102 Copper Road Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2Z6 Tel: (867) 393-3940 Fax: (867) 393-3950 Email: labergerrc@northwestel.net
Mayo	Village of Mayo PO Box 160 Mayo, Yukon Y0B 1M0 Tel: (867) 996-2317 Fax: (867) 996-2907	First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun PO Box 220 Mayo, Yukon Y0B 1M0 Tel: (867) 996-2265 Fax: (867) 996-2107	Mayo Renewable Resources Council PO Box 249 Mayo, Yukon Y0B 1M0 Tel: (867) 996-2942 Fax: (867) 996-2948 email: mayorrc@northwestel.net
Old Crow	Old Crow Recreation Society Tel: (867) 966-3238 or: (867) 996-3094	Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Box 94 Old Crow, Yukon Y0B 1N0 Tel: (867) 966-3261 Fax: (867) 966-3800	North Yukon Renewable Resources Council PO Box 80 Old Crow, Yukon Y0B 1N0 Tel: (867) 996-3034 Fax: (867) 996-3620 email: nyrrc@northwestel.net

Pelly Crossing	None	Selkirk First Nation Box 40 Pelly Crossing, Yukon Y0B 1P0 Tel: (867) 537-3331 Fax: (867) 537-3902	Selkirk Renewable Resources Council PO Box 32 Pelly Crossing, Yukon Y0B 1P0 Tel: (867) 537-3937 Fax: (867) 537-3939 email: selkirkrrc@northwestel.net
Ross River	Ross River Community ClubGeneral DeliveryRoss River, Yukon Y0B 1S0Tel: (867) 969-2108	Ross River Dena CouncilGeneral DeliveryRoss River, Yukon Y0B 1S0Tel: (867) 969-2278Fax: (867) 969-2405	Not Established
Stewart Crossing	Stewart Crossing Community Club General Delivery Stewart Crossing, Yukon Y1A 4N1	See Mayo Listings	See Mayo Listings
Tagish	Tagish Community Association General Delivery Tagish, Yukon Y0B 1T0 Tel: (867) 399-3407 Fax: (867) 399-3006	See Carcross Listings	See Carcross Listings
Teslin	Village of Teslin General Delivery Teslin, Yukon Y0A 1B0 Tel: (867) 390-2530 Fax: (867) 390-2530	Teslin Tlingit Council Box 133 Teslin, Yukon Y0A 1B0 Tel: (867) 390-2532 Fax:)867) 390-2204	Teslin Renewable Resources Council PO Box 186 Teslin, Yukon Y0A 1B0 Tel: (867) 390-2323 Fax: (867) 390-2919 email: teslinrrc@northwestel.net
Watson Lake	Town of Watson Lake PO Box 590 Watson Lake, Yukon Y0A 1C0 Tel: (867) 536-8000 Fax: (867) 536-7522	Liard First Nation PO Box 328 Watson Lake, Yukon Y0A 1C0 Tel: (867) 536-5200 Fax: (867) 536-2332	Not Established
Whitehorse	City of Whitehorse 2121 2nd Avenue Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1C2 Tel: (867) 667-6401 Fax: (867) 668-8639	Kwanlin Dun First Nation 35 McIntyre Drive Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 5A5 Tel: (867) 633-7800 Fax: (867) 668-5057	Laberge Renewable Resources Council #202-102 Copper Road Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2Z6 Tel: (867) 393-3940 Fax: (867) 393-3950 Email: labergerrc@northwestel.net

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Association of Yukon Communities	**Council of Yukon First Nations**
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Yukon Science institute	**Yukon North Slope - Inuvialuit**
PO Box 31137 Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 5P7 Tel: (867) 667-2979 Fax: (867) 668-7127	Aklavik Hunters & Trappers Committee PO Box 151 Aklavik, N.W.T. X0E 0A0 Tel: (867) 978-2723 Fax: (867) 978-2661
Porcupine Caribou Management Board	**Fisheries Joint Management Committee**
Box 31723 Whitehorse, YT Y1A 6L3 Phone: (867) 633-4780 Fax: (867) 393-3904 pcmb@taiga.net	P.O. Box 2120 Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0 Phone: (867) 777-2828 Fax: (867) 777-2610 fjmc@jointsec.nt.ca
Yukon Historical & Museums Association	**Gwich'in Tribal Council**
3126 3rd Avenue Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1E7 Tel: (867) 667-4704 Fax: (867) 667-4506	PO Box 30 Fort McPherson, N.W.T. X0E 0J0 Tel: (867) 952-2330 Fax: (867) 952-2212
Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board	**Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)**
PO Box 31104 Whitehorse, YT Y1A 5P7 Tel: (867) 667-3754 Fax: (867) 393-6947 email: yfwmbadmin@yknet.ca	Box 31539 Whitehorse, YT Y1A 6K8 Phone: (867) 633-5476 Fax: (867) 633-6900 wmacns@web.ca

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